

RESOLUTION # 34-2017

Resolution offered by Supervisors of the Conservation and UW-EX Education Committee.

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Oneida County, Wisconsin:

WHEREAS, the County Land Conservation Department is the necessary local delivery mechanism for a wide range of natural resource management programs including non-point pollution control, reclamation of non-metallic mines, invasive species control, woodland management, lakes protection; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation:

- supports the concept of credit trading and adaptive management between municipalities and the agriculture community to reduce phosphorus discharge
- urges the state to stop the spread of invasive species into Wisconsin
- supports adequate funding to local units of government to implement the nonpoint program, provided that local regulations do not exceed state standards

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection acknowledges the counties' statutory role in coordinating and implementing conservation standards at the local level, and supports efforts to ensure that adequate resources are available for counties to do their job; and

WHEREAS, state grants for County Land Conservation staff have decreased since the program began, and

WHEREAS, the Governor's budget has not requested maintenance of the annual average staff funding of \$9.3 million that was included in the pre-recession budgets from 2001 to 2011, thus reducing the funding to \$8 million annually in the 2017-19 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) 2017 statewide policy recognizes the value of the work County Land Conservation Departments provide to Wisconsin citizens by supporting adequate resources to implement maintaining this base level of funding; and

WHEREAS, the inability to adequately fund local, voluntarily accepted conservation practices has led to environmental problems and increasing citizen suits and court decisions against land owners; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oneida County Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, Senator Tiffany, Representatives Swearingen and Felzkowski (f.k.a. Czaja), and all other elected representatives in the Wisconsin State Legislature to return to the \$9.3 million appropriation for state aid to counties, recognizing the invaluable service that county conservation employees provide in preserving the state's land and water resources for future generations.

Approved by the Oneida County Conservation & UWEX Education Committee this 10th day of April, 2017.

Vote Required: Majority = _____ 2/3 Majority = _____ 3/4 Majority = _____

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes 3 No _____ as reviewed by
the Corporation Counsel, [Signature], Date: 4/10/17
Offered and passage moved by: _____

Supervisor

Bob Mott

Supervisor

Alex R. Reek

Supervisor

James W. [Signature]

Supervisor

Ross W. [Signature]

Supervisor

[Signature]

Supervisor

Seconded by: _____

18 Ayes

0 Nays

3 Absent

0 Abstain

X Adopted

by the County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of April, 2017.

Defeated

[Signature] D. J. [Signature]
Tracy Hartman, Clerk Dave Hintz, County Board Chair

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Supervisors	AYE	NAY	ABS	ABSTAIN
Timmons	X			
Cushing	X			
Fried	X			
Sorensen	X			
Young	X			
Pence	X			
Mott			X	
Paszak	X			
Jensen	X			
Winkler	X			
Krolczyk	X			
Pederson	X			
Metropulos	X			
Holewinski			X	
Ives	X			
Zunker	X			
Freudenberg			X	
VanRaalte	X			
Oettinger	X			
Kelly	X			
Hintz	X			
TOTALS	18		3	
TAGS				
Amanda Morgan	X			
Brighid Billing	X			
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April 18, 2017

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